

Cottonwood Heights

Weekly Update for the Week of Nov. 13-26, 2016

City Manager

- 1. Trying to get the December newsletter finalized and black to the printer.
- 2. Promoting Thanksgiving 5k, tree lighting activity and Peter Breinholt.
- 3. Taking off out of state for the holiday. Will return Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Administrative Services

- Trained city staff on procedures to follow to prevent fires in the workplace as well as actions to take should there be an emergency. Based on feedback from presentation will revise Emergency Action Plan to include information about panic alarms. PD will also conduct and active shooter training session for staff.
- 2. CERT class continues for week 3. Over 15 people form the community are taking this class.
- 3. Scheduled training for new block captains January 5th
- 4. Scheduled next CHGetReady training for January 4th
- 5. Meeting with Red Cross to discuss Shelter training for local churches. We have completed surveys of all non LDS church locations and are entering the information into the Red Cross database. Work continues to complete surveys with LDS locations there is just a longer approval process that is slowing us down.

Community and Economic Development

- 1. Tech company SoFi held a ribbon cutting/grand opening on Thursday, Nov. 17. They will eventually bring 400 jobs to the city.
- 2. 2—BYU students and the CHED conducted a town hall meeting on Nov. 9 with residents living along Wasatch Boulevard to discuss what they'd like to see along this busy corridor.
- 3. 3—The Cottonwood Heights Business Association is providing Christmas for a family in the city. If you'd like to participate, contact Peri for gift ideas.

Police

- 1. Trader Joe's: Female left her Louis Viton leather wallet, worth \$950.00 sitting in her shopping basket. In the wallet was \$600.00 cash and credit cards, no suspect info...good reminder it's that time of year when these things happen.
- 2. On November 16, 2017, Officer Griffith took a check fraud investigation, he conducted follow up and was able to identify the suspect. He subsequently gained a post Miranda confession and ascertained the suspect had evidence of the crimes in his vehicle. Officer Griffith authored a search warrant on the suspect vehicle and recovered a briefcase full of forged checks, fake identification, a small amount of methamphetamine, and a loaded 22 rifle.

- 3. We received another suspicious "conversation" cell phone hang up call in the 2500 E area of Campus Dr at 04:00 am. A male walking out of 2576 E Campus Dr, which is the address of a recent shots fired incident was detained. The remaining residents informed us they will be moving tomorrow to Royal Farms Apartments. Unfortunately Royal Farms has changed their mind about them moving in.
- 4. CH PD assisted with a sizeable drug bust where Oxycontin and Fentanyl were being manufactured. It is reported that millions of dollars' worth of drugs and cash were seized.

Engineering

- 1. Work will begin on Union Park Avenue after Thanksgiving weekend to install concrete Islands in front of Waterside Condos and at the intersection of Union Park Ave and Creek Road. The estimated completion date for this project is December 2nd.
- 2. We attended the 10th annual SLCO Watershed Symposium this week. It featured an excellent lineup of presentations covering a broad range of topics on water quality and watershed issues.
- 3. The traffic signals at Bengal Blvd (7600 S) / 2300 E and Bengal Blvd (7750 S) / 2600 E have had radio communication malfunctions and should be fixed shortly. These malfunctions do NOT impact the operations of the signals, but they do limit remote communications between the signal and the Traffic Operation Center (TOC) and Salt Lake County Operations.

Public Works

1. Public Works crews worked through the night on Thanksgiving Eve to plow the city for the holiday and the 5K race.

Safety Moment

Building evacuation is a critical issue when a fire alarm goes off or there is some other reason to evacuate. I once worked in a city where a citizen brought in a military mortar to the police dept. for disposal. When our Chief saw it he screamed "Get that thing out of here." And the citizen promptly ran out the door and threw it in the flower bed by the front door.

We then went into a panic evacuation with people running out every conceivable opening in the building and some ran right past the mortar. Luckily we found out from the bomb disposal squad that it was a practice device and didn't have the risk of blowing up.

We just reviewed the evacuation plan a few weeks ago and if you weren't there we all agreed to meet out by the flag poles to get a head count. Please keep a coat and other warm clothes close to your office door if you need to grab them as you evacuate during cold weather. I hope that we never need them but it is nice to be ready.

Photos



Figure 1- Staff had to create a jumper for these wires in order to move the council room podium.



Figure 2- The public works hard changes are visibly underway



Figure 3- The salt shed backfill and compaction process is underway



Figure 4- Salt is being mixed and piled in preparation for the next storm



Figure 5- The trucks are prepared and ready to go



Figure 6- City Hall is lit up and ready for the tree lighting ceremony Dec 28th



Figure 7- The west face of City Hall is lit up and looking good. Some lights on the community room and police department were not working at the time of the photo